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11.15 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every 15 minutes	
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TIME-TABLE.

On and after FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1922, until further Notice.
(All previous Time Tables cancelled.)

DOWN TRAINS															
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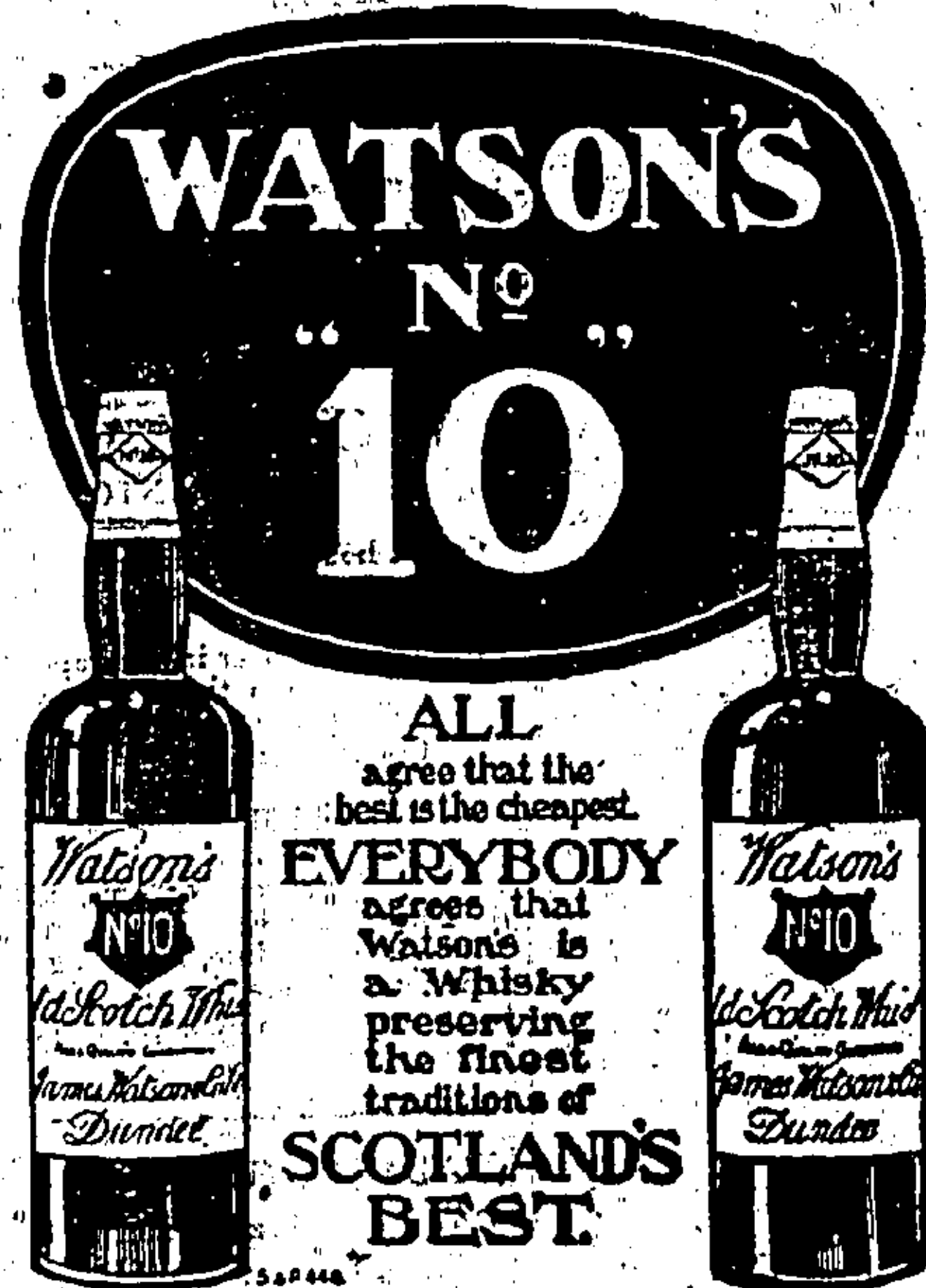
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SPORT

FOOTBALL

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

INTERPORT TRIAL

Hongkong Club ground. Kick off, 4 p.m.
Referee, Mr. Williams, Linesmen,
Messrs. Hollands and Garton.

HONGKONG LEAGUE

Division II. Kick off, 2.30 p.m.:—
Warders v. University, Sookanpo
ground. Referee, Mr. Blumson.

H.M.S. Ambrose v. United A.C. Navy
"B" ground. Referee, Mr. Fair-
burn.

H.M.S. Morrison v. H.M.S. Barkins,
South China ground. Referee, Mr.
Gerry.

South China "B" v. R.G.A., St.
Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr.
Buntin.

Kick off, 4 p.m.:—
Kowloon v. Hongkong Police, Railway
ground, Kowloon. Referee, Mr.
Perryman.

There will be no First Division games
to-day owing to the first Interport trial.

MID-WEEK RESULTS

The games in midweek resulted as
under:—

HONGKONG LEAGUE, DIVISION I.
H.M.S. Titania 1 H.M.S. Tamar 0
DIVISION II
H.M.S. Marazion 9 H.M.S. Carlisle 1

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.
H.M.S. Hawkins 2 H.M.S. Carlisle 0
H.M.S. Ambrose 2 H.M.S. Titania 0
DIVISION II
H.M.S. Forzyth 1 H.M.S. Hawkins 0

GOLF

MARRIED v. SINGLE

The following will play in this match
at Fanling to-morrow (Sunday):—
MARRIED.—A. B. Stewart and H. R.
Buckland; Major H. G. Gandy and E.
J. R. Mitchell; J. B. Ross and J. L.
Crockett; W. Galloway and W. Adam-
son; E. Davidson and R. E. Lindsay;

Major J. R. Lloyd and C. C. Stark; F. A.
Redmond and J. W. Frank; K. S.
Morrison and H. W. Kent.

SINGLE.—Lieut. Lake, R.N., and R. A.
Cambridge; Capt. C. S. Cumming and
Lieut. W. D. Bacon; H. U. Ireland and
Capt. H. F. Brixham; G. Bulmer Johnson
and T. G. Bennett; J. M. Walker and R.
Bruce; F. S. Morrison and R. Moncrieff;
M. H. Turner and H. W. Rogers; J.
Brister and D. J. Cuthill.

The result of the draw for the Captain's
Cup (Ladies' section) is announced in
to-day's advertisements.

THE JUNIOR GOLF CLUB CHAMPION- SHIP AT SHANGHAI.

Mr. A. M. McGregor has won the
Shanghai Junior Club's Championship
beating Mr. Chas. H. Hopkins by one
hole after an excellent match. Both were
finalists last year, and accordingly this
result was a very open matter.

McGregor, one of the players who learned
his golf at home, has now won the
Junior Golf Club championship three
times, first in 1915 when he beat C.
Richards, and now for the second time
in succession against Hopkins. He was
also runner up in 1916. Hopkins—a
Canadian—has only been a golfer for two
or three years, being a product of local
links. What he lacks in style he makes up
by long driving and equally long brassie
play, and a longer course would un-
doubtedly suit his play better.

I pass on by ironmongers' shops, money-
changers, and queer feeding houses, until
I find myself in the market square. Here
the crowd throngs thicker than ever, one
swarming mass of Oriental humanity.

Foul stenches of stale vegetation, sweat-
ing humanity, food, and garbage reek the
air; fireworks splutter in the roadway
spitting out vicious little showers of red
sparks. A babble of voices reads the air,
laughter, shouts, and cries of anger.

Little groups gather in out of the way
corners to gamble away their earnings.
I am in the thick of it all, pushed and
jostled by everyone. I think of Yau-
matti's evil reputation, and cannot help
feeling my pocket book a little nervously.

Looking around on this sea of faces at
last I find one that is white. The uniform
cap denotes a policeman. There he stands,
night after night, one solitary European
amongst thousands of Chinese, in one of
the reputed worst quarters of the Colony.

I watch him closely and note the expres-
sion of contemptuous boredom on his face.
Probably he would hotly deny it, but
nevertheless, the contempt is there. As
I look his face hardens, the lips move,
and I see that he says out a word of
command. The Chinese around him sink
away at the sound, and he resumes his
attitude of nonchalance. I have seen
enough, and push my way back through
the throng to Kowloon and civilisation.

The robbers, comprising a gang of six
or seven men, all armed with revolvers
and daggers, entered the floor at 7.30
o'clock by the staircase door, which had
been left open. The accountant, who was
sitting at his desk, and his folk were
driven into the kitchen at the rear. They
were then bound and gagged.

The robbers then carried out a thorough
search of the place and stole \$1,080 in
money. The accountant, during this
time, had managed to loosen his gag and
raised the alarm, and despite the threats
of the robbers continued to cry out for
help. Incensed at his persistency the
robbers dragged him to the kitchen window
and hurled him into the basement below.

After the brutal act the robbers fled from
the place, taking with them their spoil.

The police were soon on the scene and
rendered first aid to the injured man who
was despatched to the Government Civil
Hospital. A search of the district for
the robbers proved unsuccessful.

A gang of robbers on Wednesday evening
hunted the accountant of a printing
shop, at No. 27, Wellington Street, first
floor, who had been previously bound and
gagged, into the basement below—a dis-
tance of 23 feet, because he tried to raise
the alarm. When picked up by the
police after the robbery the accountant
was found to be suffering from a dis-
located shoulder.

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Clark and a party of Revenue Officers
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HONGKONG PEN PICTURES.

IMPRESSIONS OF A GRIFFIN.

I.—YAU-MATT

Midnight in Yau-matti. Yau-matti
the home of murders and gang robberies.
Tonight is a feast night, and crowds
throng the streets laughing, shouting and
quarrelling. Det. Deik's wail and shriek
strange music, crackers make the night
hideous with their staccato rattle.

Cymbals clash madly, and weird Chinese
songs add their quota to the medley
of sound. The streets are white with the
garish glare of a thousand electric lights.

I stand at four cross roads and study
the faces of the natives passing by. One
stands out above the rest and attracts my
fascinated stare; never before have I seen
features so besodden by vice. The almond
eyes are puffed and bleared with opium;

the lips, marred in one corner by a scar,
are thick and sensual; the chin recedes
into the neck. The complexion is of the
dull ghastly shade of blue denoting the
dope fiend. The whole visage tells a
sordid story of vice, crime, and lust.

I turn away with a shudder of disgust, and
resume my study of the beings around
me.

Wearing of this pastime I turn my
attention to the different roads, wonder-
ing which to take. One is flanked on
either side by huge and brilliantly lit
hotels. Uniformed porters stand at the
doors, and motor-cars wait on the curbs.

Most of the habitues are Chinese
"bloody," young men about town, dressed
in extravagantly cut European clothes.
Girls hang on to their arms. The sight
surprises me in this place, but it is far
too Western for my mood to-night, and
I turn away. A second road is narrow,
gloomy and deserted, a third but leads
back to Kowloon. The fourth looks more
interesting and I stroll quietly down it.

Small shops lie on either side, over-
hung by verandahs upon which are tiny
theatres, gorgeously painted. Little
bodies of Chinese gather round them,
and music is provided by orchestras
squinting on the verandah floors. They
play the eternal *deik*, clash cymbals, and
beat on tom-toms, accompanying the
white with wailing songs. Truly, the
Western ear is differently attuned to that
of the Oriental, for to me the music is
but a jangle of discordant sound. As I
walk curious glances are cast upon me
from every side, for this is a quarter
seldom visited by any whites but police.

I study the shops and note, with some
amusement, the trashy jewelry and
ornaments, most of it made in far away
Manchester, now to find repose in the
grimy glass cases of Yau-matti stalls. My
ear is struck by a musical thrumming
noise emanating from the gloomy recess
of an open workshop. Curiously impels
me in, and I find, in spite of the lateness
of the hour, two men working with long
bows teasing raw cotton. They take
little notice of me beyond a cursory stare,
and I stand for a while and watch them
at their task. Each man holds his bow
suspended over a pile of the cotton, and
repeatedly hits the gut string with a
mallet, producing the thrumming noise
which first attracted my attention, and
separating the cotton thus softening it for
use in Chinese bedding. The method
they are using was the one employed in
China a thousand years ago, the one that
is employed to-day, and the one that will
in all probability, still be employed a
thousand years hence.

I pass on by ironmongers' shops, money-
changers, and queer feeding houses, until
I find myself in the market square. Here
the crowd throngs thicker than ever, one
swarming mass of Oriental humanity.

Foul stenches of stale vegetation, sweat-
ing humanity, food, and garbage reek the
air; fireworks splutter in the roadway
spitting out vicious little showers of red
sparks. A babble of voices reads the air,
laughter, shouts, and cries of anger.

Little groups gather in out of the way
corners to gamble away their earnings.
I am in the thick of it all, pushed and
jostled by everyone. I think of Yau-
matti's evil reputation, and cannot help
feeling my pocket book a little nervously.

Looking around on this sea of faces at
last I find one that is white. The uniform
cap denotes a policeman. There he stands,
night after night, one solitary European
amongst thousands of Chinese, in one of
the reputed worst quarters of the Colony.

I watch him closely and note the expres-
sion of contemptuous boredom on his face.
Probably he would hotly deny it, but
nevertheless, the contempt is there. As
I look his face hardens, the lips move,
and I see that he says out a word of
command. The Chinese around him sink
away at the sound, and he resumes his
attitude of nonchalance. I have seen
enough, and push my way back through
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CANTON QUIET.
INFLUX OF REFUGEES CEASES.

Canton yesterday was a good deal quieter, and the people appear to be resigned to the approach of Sun's Army. The river steamship *Kinsan* came down to Hongkong in the afternoon with its usual number of passengers, whereas during the last few days all the boats have been full of refugees. She carried the usual number of third and second class passengers and no first class at all.

It is difficult to reconcile this with reports that press-gangs are at work in Canton forcing civilians to do transport work for the military—not towards points where they are likely to meet the invading force, but to the East of the City within easy reach of the Kowloon-Canton railway. Officials are stated to be moving out of the city in the direction of Sheklung.

Meanwhile General Chen Chiung Ming is reported to be developing a movement to entrap the invading army.

HOW THE EX-CIVIL GOVERNOR LANDED IN HONGKONG.

When the ex-Civil Governor of Canton, Mr. Chan Chik Yue, arrived in Hongkong on Thursday, after fleeing from the Kwang Tung Capital, it was not clear how he effected his landing in the Colony. It was stated in the press that he was taken to Murray Pier by launch. We now learn the details of how he tried to evade observation. He transhipped from the river steamer *Ho Nam* on to a police launch and from there on to a Chinese steam launch. The launch made off in the direction of Yau-mat, but on reaching that point she turned back and made for Blake Pier where the official and his staff were landed and hurried into motor-cars, which drove off to a pre-arranged destination. It is said that no less than five motor-cars were waiting at Blake Pier to receive His Excellency. These cars attracted quite a lot of attention and must have in some degree added to the publicity of arrival rather than to the contrary.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES.

LARGE AMOUNTS INVOLVED.

Two cases of embezzlement charges were mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon. Both cases involved large sums of money. The first was the case of a Chinese named Leung King Man, alias Kwok Sam. He was charged with embezzling the sum of \$19,700 from his employer, Leung Ping Shung, the managing partner of the Bank of Hong Mun, which has its offices in Hongkong at No. 14, Lower Macao Row.

The defendant, as has already been stated in the *Daily Press* was arrested in Shanghai and brought back to the Colony.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the prosecution and informed his Worship that the defendant desired a short remand to enable him to get in touch with a friend to whom he had sent a letter from goal and from whom he had received no reply. He understood that the greater part of the money had been recovered and in justice to the defendant he felt that it was only right that his application should be put forward.

When asked to plead the defendant said that he was in charge of the money of the shop and that there was no fraud on his part. He regarded the money as a loan from the shop. If manager so desired he would then return it.

The Magistrate, but you went away to Shanghai with it, and you say that is not fraud?

The defendant: I went there on business with it to buy some cargo. I went to buy copper coins. For every 10 cents I could get 15 or 16 copper coins.

The Magistrate remarked that he could not accept that as a plea of guilty and that the case would have to go forward. He agreed to an adjournment to Monday next.

INTERVIEW WITH DR. SUN YAT SEN.

Following is the full report of an interview with a representative of the *N.C. Daily News* had with Dr. Sun Yat Sen at his home at 29, Rue Molliere, Shanghai, last Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen said that his plans were now being put into operation. A number of Chen's commanders had joined the Constitutionalists, there being among these General Liang Hung Kai, commander of the Second Division, and General Ip Kuei, who was the man who actually drove Dr. Sun out of Canton.

General Chang Hoi Yu and General Shum Hung Ying, a former Kwangsi commander under General Lu Yung Ting (former High Military Inspector and Commissioner of Kwangtung) and Kwangsi had promised him their allegiance. Wuchow, Tientsin, Fanchow, and a number of other places had fallen into the hands of General Chiang Shaki, capital of the district of Honan (Dr. Sun's native place) has been captured by Dr. Sun's troops.

"How long will it be, do you think, before your troops enter Canton?" asked our representative.

"Two weeks," was the answer. "In five days I expect them to take Shingling (a big town half way between Wuchow and Canton). They will, of course, have to march to this place. After this they will march to Canton, which will be in their hands in two weeks."

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DOG, CAT AND POULTRY SHOW.
TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

It was unanimously decided last evening at a meeting held in the Supreme Court to hold a dog, cat and poultry show on the 10th of next month. The meeting was presided over by Sir William Rees Davies, Kt., and there were present, Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Colonel Butterworth, Messrs. Gordon Willson, W. Ward, F. H. Dillon, F. McCarthy and B. L. Frost (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer).

Sir William Rees Davies in addressing the meeting said that it gave him great pleasure to take the chair and to do anything he could to further the interests of the Dog Show. He had been associated with it in several previous years and it had always been a success. He believed there was a general desire at the present time to repeat the Show, but that was for the meeting to decide. The last Show was held in April 1930, there was a credit balance of \$55 odd. The Show was started in 1921 but owing to an outbreak of rabies it had to be abandoned. The expenses involved left the show indebted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer to the extent of \$71.40. A few days ago, however, a gentleman handed over the sum of \$210 which had been collected by him for the Show which was to have been held in 1931. That money had been handed over to Mr. Frost, and after deducting the debit balance of \$71.40, a balance of \$138.60 remained available for this year's show.

Sir William Rees Davies then stated for the information of the meeting that the gate money in 1919 amounted to \$24; entrance fees for that year were \$78.00. The gate money for 1920 was \$320 and the entrance fees \$336. In 1919 prizes amounted to \$184 and in 1920 to \$300—a very substantial increase. Owing to the absence of Mr. Frost from the Colony in 1922 and no one taking up his work, no Show was held. It had been suggested that a permanent club be formed so that such a thing could not happen again. Several gentlemen had agreed to become members of this club. The membership fee had been suggested at \$5, which would guarantee the expenses of the Show.

They had first to decide whether the Show would be held, and if so, where. The Officer commanding the King's Regiment had very kindly offered the Murray Parade Ground and the most important point of all was whether the meeting wished to avail itself of this kind offer or whether it wished the Show to be held as in former years at the Jockey Club enclosure at Happy Valley. There was something to be said from both points of view. In the first place at the Happy Valley Jockey Club enclosure—that was of course assuming that the Jockey Club Stewards granted permission for the Show to be held there—they had everything ready. They had the necessary covering in the event of rain. Everything had been found to work successfully there so far as arrangements were concerned. On the other hand it was quite a long way off, and it was thought by a certain gentleman that the Murray Parade Ground, being much more central, that they should get a larger gate. It was a place near the centre of everything and only a few moments from the Peak Tram Station. Then it would involve arrangements being made for the benches and the proper accommodation of the animals. These arrangements would be for the Committee to decide. The main thing for that meeting to decide was whether they should hold a Show, and if so, where. It was unanimously decided that the Show should be held on February 10th but on the suggestion of Mr. Dillon, who pointed out that it would be advisable to go into financial details before deciding on the Murray Parade Ground, it was agreed that the site for the Show should be left open.

The following committee was then appointed to make the necessary arrangements: Colonel Butterworth, Commander Beckwith, R.N., Messrs. Dowbiggin, Dillon, Ward, McCarthy, Willson. Mr. Frost was appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The following were selected as judges: Colonel Butterworth, Commander Beckwith, R.N., Mr. Davidson (Veterinary Surgeon to the Dairy Farm Company), Mr. J. Stalker, and Mr. F. J. McCarthy. It was also decided that Mrs. R. M. Dyer should be invited to judge the cats.

With regard to the question of guarantors for the Show, it was decided to invite Mr. Dowbiggin to enlist doctors to the prize fund. Mr. Gordon Willson promised to undertake the work of securing a few more guarantors. All present offered themselves as such.

This was all the business before the meeting.

"And Fokien? Will General Chen be attacked from the north?" "There is no necessity," he declared. "One side is enough. No order has been given to our leader in Fokien to attack Kwangtung." "Which side will General Wei Pei help?" "I understand he has made peace offers to you while at the same time he has an understanding with General Chen." "He has made us peace offers, but nothing has come of them. He is now sending troops to Kwangsi with a view to attacking my troops in Fokien."

"And Tsao Kun?" "He is all right. He has offered to make peace with me, and we are still negotiating."

"Dr. Sun was unable to say just when he will leave for Canton, but it is possible that he may do so very soon, so confident is he that his troops will win."

KOWLOON BRITISH SCHOOL.

HON. MR. IRVING ANSWERS CRITICISM RE STAFF CHANGES.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING.

The annual prize giving at the Kowloon British School was held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Irving making the presentations. The Headmaster, Mr. Richards, at the commencement of the proceedings, read his annual report, in which he said that the school had done some very useful work during the strike, many of their cadets and scouts proving very valuable helps where necessary. The Midsummer and annual examinations showed very good results, and he considered this to be one of the most promising signs they could look for. The results of the senior local examinations too were excellent. The health of the school had been good throughout the year. The St. George's Society had given a donation of \$40 to the School Library, and also \$10 for special prizes.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dockyard scholarships had been won by W. Jenner and Elsa Bell, and the J. R. M. Smith scholarship by Dorothy Lyons. The St. George's Society's prize for the best essay on "The Ways of Celebrating St. George's Day" was awarded to Marjory Stuart. The Government scholarship in class I. has been won by Esther Barth, in Class 2, by Dorothy Goodman; in Class 3, by Dorothy Wiltshire; in Class 4, by Julia Barth; in Class 5, by George Arnold; and in Class 6, by Reginald Woolley. Interest in sports had been maintained to its full pitch. He concluded by thanking the staff for their services during the year.

The Hon. Mr. Irving, Director of Education, made a speech on the year's work, and prefaced his remarks by pointing out that he was connected with the school, and felt it more his duty to pick out the weak points than the strong ones, and criticism. There were one or two points of general interest he wished to touch on. The aim of the school was, he said, to prepare boys and girls to pass the matriculation examination of Hongkong University, with as many honours as could be reasonably expected. The blue ribbon of their ambition was to win the King Edward scholarship, which was open to all children of British parentage, or of Chinese parentage, who had attained a certain standard of education. He pointed out that the school was generally regarded as the school only one year after passing the junior local examinations. As a consequence the senior local examination of the University was tending to become the leaving certificate of the school. Insofar as the school was satisfied to prepare pupils to pass the senior local tests they had been very successful during the last two years. With reference to junior locals there had been a general feeling amongst the educational authorities of the Colony that the examination was too easy, and the gap between it and the matriculation was too wide to be crossed in a year. He sincerely hoped the University authorities would make it stiffer in the future. It would certainly have the effect of preventing a number of children who were then reaching for the junior locals from having any particular hope of passing, but in any case it did a child no good to prepare for an examination it obviously could not pass.

He very much hoped to see cricket and boxing installed in the school once more with all its old vigour. There were two subjects also, which he feared they would have some difficulty about. These were gymnastics and needlework. They were placed in a difficult position over these subjects by the resignation of Mrs. Ross, but he felt sure the Headmaster would arrange for them somehow or other. They were very anxious, too, to see the school do well in athletics, as well as scholastic studies.

There was one subject on which he particularly desired to speak, and which he felt a little bit sore about. That was the number of changes in staff. He believed some people thought that he and Mr. Ralphs, when they had nothing better to do, sat down in his office and played a sort of "general post" taking square pegs and putting them in round holes and vice versa. No one deplored the changes in staff more than he, but there were circumstances at work more powerful than he. It was not his fault if teachers broke their legs or had their appendices removed. Another thing he asked if there were would parents with unmarried sons ask them kindly to desist from marrying his teachers.

In conclusion he drew attention to the enormous improvement in the English of the school, about which he had complained last year.

The prize list was as follows:—
Class 1—1st, Marjorie Stuart; 2nd, W. Jenner; 3rd, Esther Barth.
Class 2—1st, Dorothy Lyons; 2nd (boy), E. Moses; 3rd, (girl), O. Foster.
Class 3—1st, Dorothy Wiltshire; 2nd, W. Jenner; 3rd (girl), G. Prickett.
Class 4—1st, Julia Barth; 2nd, Kenneth Evans; 3rd, Molly Groundwater.
Class 5—1st, George Arnold; 2nd, Frank Hartley; 3rd, Gladys MacNider.
Class 6—1st, Reginald Woolley; 2nd, Stanley MacNider; 3rd, Joyce Haven.
Special prizes: History, E. Moses; French, Katherine Hammond; Mathematics, A. Jenner; drawing, G. Arnold; attendance, Esther Barth; P. Nicholls, and Samuel Barth.

SUPREME COURT.
LOCAL STEAMSHIP CO. WIN CHARTER PARTY ACTION.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies), delivered an important judgment in the Supreme Court yesterday morning. The action was one in which the Cheong Yue Steamship Company, Ltd., of Hongkong, and Hiji Mulji, Lolji Mulji and Khemji Shamji (trading as Dharsi Narji and Company), of India, were suing for the recovery of damages under an award made under a submission to arbitration contained in a charter party.

The facts of the case were that on November 17th, 1931, a charter party was executed in Hongkong by which the plaintiffs agreed to let the steamer *Singapore* to the defendants for 10 months at the rate of \$23,000 per month. Whilst the steamer was in the defendants' possession it was requisitioned by the Government, on March 31st, 1932. Considerable correspondence passed between the parties, the plaintiff declaring that in such correspondence the defendants agreed to take the steamer on a ten months' charter whenever the Government released her. On the other hand, the defendants said that a certain telegram they sent only amounted to an agreement to take the steamer, when released, for the residue of the time charter. The defence was that the charter party had expired by effluxion of time; that the objects of the charter party were frustrated; and the arbitration clause at an end; and also that the arbitrator had exceeded his jurisdiction.

The arbitration was held in Hongkong, with only one of the parties represented (His Lordship, in the course of the hearing, described the proceedings as a farce) as a result of which an award for damages in plaintiff's favour was given. The plaintiffs brought the present action to enforce that award.

In a very long judgment, his Lordship examined the arguments raised in the case and quoted at length from authorities. He found that the charter party had not expired by effluxion of time, and also that the objects of the charter party had not been frustrated. His conclusion on those two points, he added, made it unnecessary for him to deal with the question of the jurisdiction of the arbitrator, inasmuch as his findings on those issues were that the agreement in exercise of the option in the charter party was in existence and gave the arbitrator jurisdiction under the charter party which the defendants challenged. The Chief Justice proceeded to examine the point regarding the jurisdiction of the Hongkong courts and said that the court's jurisdiction had been established and that it was the court's duty to decide the issues before it.

He gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

Mr. G. G. Alabaster, K.C. (who, with Mr. McNeill represented the defendant), applied for a stay of execution beyond the usual 14 days. He said the defendants were in India and 14 days would not give him enough time to communicate with them and get instructions.

Mr. Eldon Potter (who, with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, represented the plaintiffs), opposed the application, saying that plaintiffs would now have to bring an action in India, based on the judgment, and if defendants wished a stay, pending an appeal, they could apply to the Indian Court to stay the new proceedings.

There was no object in staying the judgment now delivered, because there was nothing in Hongkong on which to recover. His Lordship decided to grant a stay of one month, granting liberty to apply. He also certified for two counsel.

THE "NEW CHINA" WAGES CASE.
NON-SUITED.

His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz gave judgment in the Summary Court yesterday in the remarkable test case where one of the crew of the notorious *New China* sued the chief clerk in the Comptroller's department for sixteen and half months' wages.

The circumstances were that the *New China* left Canton in July of 1921 for Mexico. One of the directors, a Spaniard named Mendezona, travelled on her, and absconded in Mexico never to be heard of again. The captain died, the Mexican Customs confiscated the cargo, and the crew received no pay for over sixteen months. The ship's owners, the Spain and China Navigation Co., went smash, the ship was sold in Peru to realise their liabilities, and the crew were sent home to Hongkong—the *New China's* port of registry—by the Mexican Government.

Here they repeatedly worried the defendant in the case, Cheng Biao, for their wages. A test case was brought to court, the pantry boy being the plaintiff. He was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, and alleged defendant to be the Comptroller, stating that he engaged the Comptroller's staff.

Mr. B. E. A. Webster, who appeared for plaintiff, denied that Cheng engaged the men, and said that not he, but his brother, was the Comptroller.

Reviewing the facts of the case, His Honour said he did not think the defendant was liable. He denied engaging the men, but even if he did, he most probably did so on behalf of the Comptroller. Assuming that he did, there was no recognition of any personal liability, and His Honour did not think that either of the parties really thought he was liable. The plaintiffs probably deserved a good deal of sympathy for they had no doubt been through a bad time, but he thought it was very possible they were going for Cheng because he happened to be the Comptroller's brother. His Honour said he had decided that the case should be non-suited.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R. NOTICE.

IN accordance with Regulation 118 of the Traffic Regulations, 1920, the PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after the 13th day of JANUARY, 1923, the following Roads will be CLOSED TO TRAFFIC until further Notice:—

(1) Wanchoi Road between the Praya East and Queen's Road East.

(2) Bowington Canal Road East between the Praya East and Leighton Hill Road.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supdt. of Police.

12th January, 1923. [295]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, at 3.30 P.M., SATURDAY, the 3rd FEBRUARY, 1923, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 22nd January, to Saturday, 3rd February, 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TUNG FO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1923. [293]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED and THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 4A, DES VOUX ROAD, on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 29th January, to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1923. [219]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "FIUME L."

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SUDAN, SPALATO, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 15th inst. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DODGINS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODD & CO., LTD., Agents.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"NINGCHOW" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at the wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 15th January.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Jan., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st Feb., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1923. [221]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"THERIAIS" are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at the wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 15th January.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Jan. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st Feb., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1923. [224]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB NOTICE.

LADIES' SECTION.

THE following is the Result of the DRAW FOR THE CAPTAIN'S CUP:—

Mrs. CRAWFORD MORRIS v. Mrs. BRAN.
Mrs. HANMILL v. Miss DENISON.
Mrs. ADAMS v. Lady REES DAVIES.
Mrs. REDMOND v. Mrs. ARMSTRONG.

1st Round to be played off by January 31st, 1923.

E. B. REDMOND,
Hon. Secretary (Ladies' Section).

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES

will be held on

THE CRICKET GROUND

on THURSDAY, 29th FEBRUARY, 1923.

3 P.M. to 10 P.M.

ADMISSION \$1.

(Children and Men of His Majesty's Services in uniform, Half Price)

Lady Fowler will present the Prizes at 5.30 P.M.

Military Band will play during the afternoon and Tea will be obtainable at 50 cents.

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ANTI MUI TSAI SOCIETY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at the CHINESE Y.M.C.A., TO-DAY, at 3 P.M., to pass a Resolution in support of the MUI TSAI Abolition Bill. Members are urged to attend this Meeting.

ANTI MUI TSAI SOCIETY.

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NOTICE.

WE have This Day authorised Mr. LEONARD VICTOR LANG to sign our Firm per procuratione.

ARKHOLD BROTHERS & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 3rd, 1923. [203]

THE HONGKONG AND CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 3, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 25th day of JANUARY, 1923, at 10 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1922.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th to 25th January, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

General Managers.

(Sgd.) J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1923. [193]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1923, at 12.15 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th January, to Friday, 26th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1923. [315]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1923, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th January, to Friday, 26th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1923. [292]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1923, at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, 17th January to Friday, 26th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1923. [301]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1923.

FEBRUARY 29th, MARCH 1st, 2nd & 3rd

ENTRIES for the forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, 27th inst., at 3 p.m., and must be sent to the JOCKEY CLUB, ROOM 3A, CHATER ROAD, on or before this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the JOCKEY CLUB STABLES, JOCKEY CLUB ROOM (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road), RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB and LINSTEAD DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG PRINTING PRESS (PRINTING DEPARTMENT).

YE OLDE PRINTERIE LIMITED have This Day purchased all the Rights and Privileges of the PRINTING DEPARTMENT of the HONGKONG PRINTING PRESS, 19, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

V. C. LABRUM, Manager.

January 1st, 1923. Tel. C. 423.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANTONIO H. BASTO, A.R.E.A., M.C.I., M.A.M.I., has, from the 1st day of JANUARY, 1923, been admitted as a Partner in our Firm.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that as from This Date our Firm Name will be RAYEN & BASTO.

RAYEN & BASTO.

Oriental Commercial Bank Buildings, Hongkong, January 10th, 1923. [314]

NOTICE.

CUSTOMERS and Others concerned are Notified that from 1st JANUARY, 1923, Mr. J. E. OLLERTON took over the Management of the INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPERS, LTD., for Hongkong and South China with Power of Attorney to sign as such.

No other person except as authorised by Mr. J. E. OLLERTON is empowered to act for the INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEVELOPERS, LTD.

H. H. KENTON, Manager for China & F.I.

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G. R. WANTED.

CHINESE ASSISTANT MASTERS able to teach the usual English Subjects. Candidates should apply in writing to the Director of Education giving full particulars of qualifications and experience. [213]

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PHONE CENTRAL 616.

DEATHS.

GOULD.—At Shanghai, on January 6th, LEWIS WILFRED GOULD (China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.), aged 38 years.

HOOD.—At Shanghai, on January 7th, ETHEL BARNES, beloved wife of NINIAN HOOD (nee Mellanby), aged 35 years.

PEREIRA.—At Shanghai, J. M. E. PEREIRA (Netherlands Trading Society).

HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, DES VOUX RD., C. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 13th, 1923.

HOIST WITH THEIR OWN PETARD.

We have long felt that the Government in whitewashing the Mui Tsai system and insisting so strongly on its philanthropic character laboured under serious misapprehension regarding the sentiments of a large and growing section of the Chinese community in regard to this custom. It was not until a constant repetition of official misrepresentations of the system had led the Chinese who were ashamed of it to organise themselves into a Society to agitate for its suppression—a society which quickly had a membership of over a thousand—that doubts began to arise in the official dovecotes as to whether the Mui Tsai system was the wholly benevolent institution it had been represented to be. Yet the doubt lingered even after the instructions of the SECRETARY OF STATE were received to take measures forthwith for the suppression of the custom in Hongkong. The speech of the ATTORNEY-GENERAL on introducing the Bill was more or less an apology to the Chinese for "the lack of sympathy with an alien civilisation" that the agitation for abolition revealed. The Kai-fong meeting at the Tung Wah Hospital on Wednesday in a rather surprising manner, showed that this "lack of sympathy" with a custom unsuited to the times in which we live is widely shared among the Chinese themselves and is only now beginning to find organised expression. By its promoters this meeting was intended to demonstrate that the Chinese people were strongly opposed to the proposed legislation, whereas the meeting proved to be a remarkable and very significant demonstration in support

of the Bill. The speeches made at the meeting by the abolitionists effectually exploded the arguments so constantly used by Government officials to justify their benevolent attitude towards the system. The ATTORNEY-GENERAL's affecting little story of the mui-tsai who in a recent criminal case constantly referred to her mistress as "mother," was strikingly offset by the stories related at the Tung Wah Hospital meeting. We confess we read with astonishment the story related by Dr. YUEN SHU CHUK of a mother who wanted to redeem her daughter, but who apparently could get no assistance from the Office of the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS. The story was that the sale of the child for \$80 had been put through at the Office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, some considerable time ago apparently, and that last month, when the parent was prepared to redeem her child the purchaser demanded double the amount he had paid for her. The story leaves us in doubt as to what was the end of it; the woman had been referred to the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS who, in turn, referred her to the "owner" of the child, who wanted twice the figure he had paid the mother, and Dr. YUEN, to whom the woman came for advice, referred her again to the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS.

We are as astonished, as Dr. YUEN was to learn that sales of human beings are put through in the Office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and are thus given a Government imprimatur. It is a startling statement and we hope it can be denied. An official denial is clearly called for if it can be made. We cannot see how action of this kind can be reconciled with the Proclamation issued last April by H.E. THE GOVERNOR, under instructions from His Majesty's Government, which declared that "Slavery is not allowed to exist in the British Empire, and, therefore, it must be understood that Mui Tsai are not the property of their employers." Before the issue of the proclamation ideas were evidently hazy on the subject. It may be recalled that in the famous Criminal Sessions case which marks the starting point of the present agitation the Law Officers of the Crown were responsible for framing an indictment which represented the purchasers of two mui tsais to be their lawful guardians, and we are now told of a case in which sale and purchase were effected in the Office of the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS. Any lingering doubt as to the illegality in a British Colony of the practice of buying and selling human beings, under whatever benevolent guise such traffic may take place, ought to have been dispelled by the GOVERNOR's proclamation, yet while this Proclamation clearly associated the Mui Tsai system with the practice of slavery, we still find the ATTORNEY-GENERAL declaring that "it is not slavery at all," and we still find the SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS reluctant to interfere between buyer and seller, if the story told at the Tung Wah Hospital is the correct version of what occurred. It is to be hoped that the enactment of the legislation now proposed will clarify the position for all concerned.

The Anti-Mui Tsai Society is holding a meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, at 3 p.m. to-day.

There were two cases of notifiable disease in the Colony on Wednesday, both being Chinese cerebro-spinal fever patients.

The river steamship *Hoi Sang*, which went ashore in the West River recently, arrived at Hongkong yesterday morning.

The engagement is announced in Peking of Mr. G. W. Cruickshank to Miss A. C. Rice. Both are well known in the capital and popular.

The Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables is to take place this year on the Cricket ground, on Thursday, February 22nd.

Major E. A. H. James, B.E., has been appointed O. C. Troops on the voyage from Hongkong to Tientsin by the *Delta*, which is due here with reliefs next week.

Major P. S. Tomblinson, R.A.M.C., and Captain R. B. Cartwright, R.A.P.C., are under orders to embark on the troopship *Delta* for Tientsin on Thursday next.

Competitors in the open Billiards Championship of the Colony are invited to attend at the V.E.C. on Wednesday, 17th inst., at 8.30 p.m. to draw for the various rounds.—ADVN.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 30th December, 1922, amounted to 36,456 tons and the sales during the period to 65,661 tons.

Notification is given by the Captain Superintendent of Police that from to-day, until further notice, that certain roads in the eastern part of the city will be closed to traffic.

Sir John Peter, is shortly retiring from the management of the Singapore branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. A. C. Hynes has already arrived from Shanghai to succeed him.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce Chinese Language School resumes its sessions on Monday, January 15th. Owing to insufficient numbers of entrants, there will be no beginners' class.—(ADVN.)

A notice is published in the Shanghai papers by the Commissioner of Customs that the importation of subsidiary silver coins of the new mould issued by the Province of Kwantung is forbidden, irrespective of the year of issue.

From to-day the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. are running steamers to Macao daily, at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Sundays at 9 a.m. only), and the daily sailings from Macao will be at 8 a.m. and at 2 p.m. (Sundays at 3 p.m. only).

Mr. Allister Macmillan, F.R.G.S., has arrived in the Colony in connection with a new book, dealing with the chief reports of the Far East, to be published by the "City Press" firm of London. Mr. Macmillan is well-known throughout the British Colonies, which he has admirably described and illustrated.

M. Joffe, the Soviet plenipotentiary to Peking, is reported by the *Shanghai Journal of Commerce* to have had a mental breakdown. His physicians have ordered him to go to Macao to rest. There is a wit on the *N.C. Daily News* who adds the comment: "Some people may bethink them of even further suitable destinations."

The *London Gazette* has announced the retirement of Capt. F. L. Brown, O.B.E., of the Royal Engineers, on retired pay, and also the promotion of Major and Brevet-Colonel W. A. Blake, C.M.G., D.S.O., transferred from the Wiltshire Regiment to the King's Regiment to be Lieut.-Colonel.

General Tsen Chun Hsuan, the "Tiger Mandarin," who formerly held posts as Viceroy of Kwangtung and Kwangsi and Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Southern Government in 1918, has issued a circular telegram calling upon the people and the militarists throughout the country to reduce their troops "in order that after 10 years there shall not be a single soldier remaining in China." Seso's fable of the fox with his tail cut off recurs to the mind "in this connection," remarks a northern contemporary.

It is not given to every man in Singapore, says the *Free Press* to be able to claim nearly 40 years of continuous service in the same employ, as can Mr. Frank Bateman, who has just retired from the Singapore branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. Bateman is now 75 years old, and many junior to him envy the vigour of mind and body which he still enjoys. Being a man of abstemious habit there is every probability of his having before him many years of life to enjoy the retirement which he so richly deserves.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]OCCUPATION OF THE RUHR.
OPPOSITION FROM LABOUR ORGANISATIONS.

LONDON, January 12th.
Reports from Germany indicate that the French entry into the Ruhr caused but little interruption to normal life, and trains were running regularly this afternoon.

The Trade Unions are declaring a half hour's protest strike throughout Germany on Monday, while the Communists are agitating for a general strike.

The French troops are described as acting perfectly correctly, but the crowds of onlookers are represented by some correspondents as bitter and sullen, murmuring indignantly.

GERMANY PRESENTS FORMAL PROTEST TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, January 11th.
Herr Weidfeldt has presented to Mr. Hughes Germany's protest against the French advance in the Ruhr.

EARLIER CABLES.

NO ACTIVE RESISTANCE BY GERMANY.

PARIS, January 11th.
The German Ambassador is departing to-day.

COBLENCE, January 11th.
The advance of the French and Belgian troops to the Ruhr, along the right bank of the Rhine, is proceeding normally.

BERLIN, January 11th.
The Government's policy relative to the invasion of the Ruhr was outlined by Herr Cuno before the foreign affairs committee of the Reichstag. He declared Germany could not resist actively, but on the other hand would not bow her head voluntarily. He announced that Germany's reparations obligations will cease to be discharged vis-a-vis the "treaty-breaking Powers."

The Government will leave officials in the occupied area out of consideration for the population's welfare, and the conduct of Government business. Further action will depend on the action taken by the other side. The Premier of the Federal States have been invited to Berlin to confer on the necessary economic measures to be taken in view of the gravity of the situation.

LONDON, January 11th.
The effective entering the Ruhr are officially stated to consist of two divisions of French infantry and one brigade of cavalry, accompanied by a Belgian detachment.

CITIES PLASTERED WITH COMMUNIST PLACARDS.

DUSSELDORF, January 11th.
There was no opposition demonstration when the force, which was set out on a wide front, started for Essen. The force is fully equipped and includes a large number of tanks and field guns, armoured cars, lorries, and cyclists, and even gas masks are being taken. A French proclamation issued at Dusseldorf states that the local administrations will continue to function. There will be no curfew, but the carrying of arms is forbidden. Dusseldorf and Duisburg were plastered during the night with Communist placards, in French and German, inciting the French soldiers to revolt against Stinnes and other capitalists.

FRANCO-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS MAY REOPEN.

LONDON, January 11th.
Reuter learns there are some grounds to believe that France, having shown by the occupation of the Ruhr that she is thoroughly in earnest, may attempt to reopen negotiations with Germany for a settlement of the reparations question, under the impression that her vigorous action will have brought the German Government to its senses.

SOCIALIST LEADERS UNDER ARREST.

PARIS, January 11th.
Four more Socialist leaders have been arrested, including Casals, secretary of the extremist section of the General Confederation of Labour.

THE SIX COMMUNISTS ARRESTED YESTERDAY EVENING LEFT PARIS A WEEK AGO FOR GERMANY, WHERE, WITH CACHIN, THEY OPENED A CAMPAIGN OF PROTEST AGAINST THE RUHR OCCUPATION.

They apparently intended to proceed to Essen, when they received secret instructions deciding them to return to Paris immediately. They were arrested in their homes shortly after arrival. It is believed that Cachin returned to Paris last night, and the Public Prosecutor to-day lodged with the Ministry of Justice a formal demand for the withdrawal of Cachin's Parliamentary immunity with a view to his prosecution.

BRITISH CABINET DISCUSSES THE SITUATION.

LONDON, January 11th.
The British Cabinet has discussed the position arising out of the occupation of the Ruhr. It is authoritatively learned that no spectacular action like the withdrawal of the British troops from the Rhine is contemplated, and Britain will continue to be represented on the Reparations Commission and Council of Ambassadors, thereby proving her earnest desire to act as far as possible in co-operation with France, while disapproving of the latter's policy, in the meantime waiting and watching the results of France's action.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S RESISTANCE.

BERLIN, January 11th.
The German Government has ordered the cessation of transport of the Reparations coal.

BRUSSELS, January 11th.
The German Charge d'Affaires has departed.

PARIS, January 11th.
The German Ambassador's departure was not accompanied by any communication involving a formal diplomatic rupture between the French and German Governments.

BERLIN, January 11th.
President Ebert and the Cabinet have issued a proclamation declaring they will do what they can to mitigate the effects of the disastrous French action, and warning the people against any ill-advised action.

FRENCH CHAMBER ENDORSES GOVERNMENT'S ACTION.

PARIS, January 11th.
The Chamber, by 473 votes to 88 decided to postpone the interpellation of the Government until February 2nd, which is tantamount to a vote of confidence.

Lord Cheers resounded through the Chamber as M. Poincare traced the developments justifying the present action. The Premier recapitulated the arguments against the British reparations plan and in favour of the French plan, which represented "the limit of concessions." Nevertheless, Britain and France could discuss these matters without compromising their alliance. He declared that Germany's bad faith was proved by the fact that while Germany was refusing to deliver timber and coal on account of reparations, Herr Stinnes sought an interview with M. Poincare last month on the subject of exchanging coke for ore. He asserted that the withdrawal of American troops was in no way connected with the French entry into the Ruhr district, but was merely the execution of an earlier decision. He blamed the British abstention for "measures of prudence which would otherwise be unnecessary" and stated that the British abstention would also make the seizure guarantees less productive. He warned the Chamber not to expect great returns from the operations, but comparatively small returns were better than nothing.

FRANCO-BELGIAN TROOPS AT ESSEN.

ESSEN, January 11th.
The inhabitants of the outskirts of the town ignored the French advance. The streets were empty and most of the shops closed.

Martial law will be proclaimed almost immediately.

ESSEN, January 11th.
The first French troops to arrive created surprise by taking control of the General Post Office, turning out everybody therein and seizing the telegraph and telephone instruments. Later they permitted business to proceed.

PARIS, January 11th.
An official statement announcing the occupation of Essen adds that other Franco-Belgian troops took up their quarters in the vicinity of big urban centres. The Belgians are quartered north of Hamburg and Oberhausen, whilst the French are north-east, west and south-west of Essen, also at Horst, Kray, Werden and Ratingen.

LONDON, January 11th.
A feature of the exchanges is the strength of sterling on New York, now quoted at 46 1/2. The market is anxiously awaiting development on the Continent. French francs are 68.05, Belgian francs 74.25, the lire 94 and marks 48.00.

LATEST CABLES.

LITHUANIAN REBELLION.

POLISH TROOPS ORDERED TO THE FRONTIER.

LONDON, January 12th.
The Lithuanian official version represents the occurrences at Memel as local risings, demanding union with Lithuania. Other reports state that the Lithuanians concerned number several thousands, including disguised Lithuanian regulars. Allied warships are expected at Memel immediately.

The raiders have already occupied most of the Memel territory and the rising has caused great excitement in Poland, troops having been immediately ordered to the frontier.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRENCH TROOPS ENTRENCHED NEAR MEMEL.

BRUSSELS, January 11th.
According to the *Tageblatt*, armed Lithuanian bands are advancing on Memel, and have occupied Bayreuth. The French High Commissioner has issued a proclamation to the populace promising to cope with the situation. French troops are entrenched in the outskirts of Memel.

A message from Heidekrug states that the irruption of Lithuanians towards Memel is extending. Collisions hitherto have not occurred. The object of the Lithuanians is believed to be to confront the Ambassador's Conference with a fait accompli.

BRITISH TRADE.

LARGE BULLION EXPORTS TO THE EAST.

LONDON, January 11th.
Board of Trade returns show that Britain exported 64,000,000 tons of coal, valued at 273,500,000, last year, compared with 25,000,000 tons, valued at 243,000,000, in 1921. The value of bullion exported in 1922 was 258,000,000, of which 27,000,000 was sent to America, 221,000,000 to India and 11,333,000 to China, including Hongkong.

LATEST CABLES.

AMERICA'S SAFETY.

ACQUISITION OF WEST INDIES NECESSARY.

WASHINGTON, January 11th.

In the Senate, Senator Reed insisted that the acquisition of the British and French West Indies was necessary for the safety of the United States and the security of the Panama Canal. He submitted a resolution calling on the Government to open negotiations with this object in view.

DUTCH STATE LOAN.

SUBSCRIBED FOUR TIMES OVER.

AMSTERDAM, January 11th.
The State Loan of eighty million florins has been subscribed about four times over.

EARLIER CABLES.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

OPPOSITION BY ANGLA-AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS.

LONDON, January 11th.
A joint British and American campaign is threatened by the rubber manufacturers against the Stevenson Act, restricting rubber output.

Mr. Hines of the Firestone Company is visiting England. In a statement on the American case to the India-Rubber Manufacturers' Association at Manchester he says a deputation of the Rubber Growers' Association is leaving for America to discuss the question with the American Rubber Association. Mr. Hines contends that the Stevenson scheme will create a serious shortage, and hints at a development of rubber cultivation in the Philippines, although he admits that legislative changes will be necessary to ensure sufficiently large quantities. He also thinks America might obtain Dutch co-operation in financing and developing greater rubber production in the Dutch plantations.

TROUBLED IRELAND.

REBELS' CAMPAIGN OF DESTRUCTION.

LONDON, January 11th.
Armed men burned Sligo Railway Station to the ground, and two passenger trains therein were destroyed.

Petrol and mine were used in the destruction of the station. The explosions shook the town. The damage is estimated at £50,000.

Simultaneously with the outbreak, attackers sniped military posts and fired on the troops. They rushed to the station in armoured cars and heavy machine-gunning and rifle fire lasted for two hours.

Another outrage was the coupling of seven engines which were sent full-speed towards the quay. The locomotives smashed their way through the obstacles and broke down the concrete sea wall. One fell into the sea and another hangs across the sea wall.

"BEGGARS ON HORSEBACK."
SOVIET OFFICERS FLOG THEIR MEN.

HELSINKI, January 11th.
The *Krasny Gazette* publishes an order by Trotsky, dismissing the army commander of the thirty-third division, stationed on the Volga, also the commander of the artillery school, ordering a court martial, on charges of flogging their soldiers and taking part in drunken orgies.

RUSSIAN DEATH SENTENCES.

GENERAL WRANGEL'S SUPPORTERS REPRIVED.

LONDON, January 11th.
According to the Moscow *Pravda*, the All-Russian Executive Committee has absolved the Supreme Tribunal's death sentence on Prince Ukhomski and an officer named Bolenkoff, who were found guilty of organising a revolt in support of General Wrangel.

DEBT-FINDING.

ANGLO-AMERICAN AGREEMENT REACHED.

WASHINGTON, January 11th.
The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon, is reported to have declared it certain that agreement on the funding of British war debts to America will be reached before the British Commissioners depart, which is tentatively fixed for January 20th.

FRENCH TAXATION.

INCREASE PROPOSED.

PARIS, January 11th.
The Finance Minister has tabled a Bill increasing by 20 per cent. all direct and indirect taxation, except wages and salaries. The anticipated yield is 3,200,000,000 francs and it is hoped thereby to balance the Budget.

OBITUARY.

EX-KING CONSTANTINE.

PALESTINE, January 11th.
Ex-King Constantine of Greece has died here of cerebro-hemorrhage. He had been suffering from arteriosclerosis and nephritis, but the end was unexpected. He had arranged to settle in Florence shortly. Ex-Queen Sophia and her three daughters were present at the death.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA'S FINANCES.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS BY THE PREMIER.

PEKING, January 10th.

It is semi-officially reported that after a Cabinet meeting held yesterday the Premier drafted a mandate advocating the disbandment of troops, stating that this matter has an important bearing on finances and China's prestige abroad. It is reported that the mandate will be issued as early as possible. It is understood that the Premier is also stressing the question of financial improvement, suggesting a financial conference, and the financial research commission will submit a memorandum to the Cabinet for adoption within a limited time. This course has been approved by a majority of the Cabinet.

A TALE OF WOE.

ONLY \$4,000 LEFT OF \$50,000.

The adventures of two Chinese bank clerks were briefly explained in the Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, by Sub-Inspector Pincoff, who informed Mr. Lindsell that out of \$50,000, which they were charged with embezzling from the Bank of China, only \$4,000 had been recovered. When the two men arrived in Singapore, where they were arrested later, they sent a letter to their Bank Manager explaining that prior to leaving Hongkong they handed \$33,000 to a friend to bring to them on the boat. The friend never turned up. On the ship another sum of \$16,000 was stolen from them. They did not dare report this to the Police as they were afraid it would lead to their arrest. The Inspector asked for a week's remand.

This was granted.

In our report in yesterday's issue of the *Daily Press* of the arrival of the two wanted men in Hongkong from Singapore it was inadvertently stated that these two men were employed by the Bank of Canton. This should have read the Bank of China.

13,125 OFFICIAL DOZES OF MORPHINE.

SMUGGLER SENT TO PRISON.

The Chinese Detective Inspector arrested on the Hongkong wharf of the Yau-mai Ferry on Thursday evening, a Chinese, who had in his possession 13,125 official dozes of illicit morphine.

At the Magistracy, yesterday morning, the man, who is unemployed, told Mr. Wood, that a friend of his, staying at a boarding house, asked him to carry the morphine over to Yau-mai. For doing this he was promised a few dollars for "tea money."

Replying to the Magistrate, the defendant said he was formerly an assistant to a cooked-food hawk at West Point, but at present he was out of work as he had just returned from the country.

The Magistrate ordered him to be sent to prison for six months with hard labour. "The poison," added his Worship, "is to be confiscated."

BRITISH NORTH-BORNEO CO.

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED.

LONDON, January 11th.
Mr. D. O. Malcolm, Director of the British South Africa Company, has been appointed Director of the British North Borneo Company.

ITALIAN RADIOGRAMS.

ROME, January 4th.

Premier Mussolini, referring to the results of the inquiry concerning war expenses, said: On behalf of the Government and the nation I express the deepest thanks to General D'Alloio, who, being chief of the important service of refuellinging arms and munitions during the war, fulfilled his duty with pure and patriotic fervour. Although he managed many millions, he is now in indigence and his daughters, who were hospital nurses during the war, have now to work for a living. Let General D'Alloio be an example to the people.

ROME, January 4th.

The Nuncio at Paris sent a report to the Vatican regarding the Paris Conference in which he states that the situation is very serious and the consequences of a break would be incalculable. The Holy See is doing its best to avoid this danger by appealing to the goodwill of all the Powers and reminding them that a war in the Near East would destroy the world economy.

THE JAPANESE NAVY.

CADETS ENTERTAINED YESTERDAY.

Yesterday 190 cadets of the Japanese Navy in port were entertained at the City Hall, with every available midshipman of the British China Fleet acting as hosts. In the Chamber of Commerce room 30 Japanese and British Officers sat down to an excellent tiffin served by the Hongkong Hotel.

The Harbour Master (Com. C. W. Beckwith, R.N.), presided and the Rev. R. Morrison occupied the vice-chair. Mr. J. Kawaguchi was present, representing the Japanese community.

At the conclusion of the tiffin the Chairman proposed the health of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan, Commander Beckwith said:—Gentlemen,—I have the honour to-day to propose a toast. I ask you to drink to the health of the ruler of a nation with which we Britons have a special bond of sympathy. Like our own country, Japan is a great maritime power and she stands in much the same relation to the Continent of Asia as Great Britain does to the continent of Europe. Nor shall we ever forget, especially those of us who live in the Far East, the great services which Japan rendered to the cause of the Allies during the Great War. Gentlemen, I give you the toast of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

The Senior Japanese Officer proposed the health of His Britannic Majesty King George V. Both toasts were cordially honoured.

The party then proceeded to the St. Andrew's Hall where the cadets were having tiffin and the gathering was addressed by Commander Beckwith (Mr. Kawaguchi kindly acting as interpreter). He said: Officers and Cadets of His Imperial Majesty's Japanese Navy,—It is a great pleasure to me to welcome you here to-day on behalf of the Government and the people of Hongkong. I hope you have enjoyed your stay here and I must congratulate you on the energy you have displayed in seeing all the sights of the place. I believe this is the last of several British Colonies you have visited in your world tour. I hope you agree with us that it is the best of them all. At any rate, I may tell you that this is the largest port in the British Empire and the second largest in the world. This Colony, it may interest you to know, gives hospitality to 32 nationalities including 2,000 of your fellow-countrymen. I will not keep you longer from the moving picture entertainment that has been arranged for you, but will conclude by wishing you *bon voyage* and a pleasant home coming. You have had a wonderful experience but I am sure you will all be glad to be home in Nippon once more.

At the conclusion of the speech three cheers for the Emperor of Japan were lustily given. Mr. Kawaguchi called for cheers for King George, and the two national anthems were played.

The visitors were then taken by special trains to the World Theatre to witness a show of moving pictures.

Yesterday afternoon between 3 o'clock and 5 o'clock Vice-Admiral Taniguchi was at home to guests on the Flagship *Idzumi*. In the evening the Japanese community entertained the Vice-Admiral and his staff at the Ming Yuen restaurant, West Point. Other members of the Japanese Fleet were present in great force at Happy Valley to watch a football match between the Submarines and the Light Cruisers.

To-day another large company of Japanese naval ratings are to be entertained at the City Hall.

PEAK RESIDENTS AND THE TRAMWAY STAFF.

THE CHRISTMAS BOX.

Mr. B. C. Hornall, Hon. Secretary of the Peak Residents' Association, forwards to us correspondence relating to the donations collected by the Association for the staff of the Peak Tramway, amounting in all to \$561.

In forwarding to the General Managers a cheque for this amount together with the lists of subscribers, the Hon. Secretary wrote:—

"My Committee regret that this annual collection was not made earlier, but owing to the absence of George Hastings, who undertakes this work previously, when several residents asked the Peak Residents' Association to take the matter in hand."

"Whilst the distribution of the money collected is, of course, left entirely to the discretion of yourselves and Mr. L. G. Scott, the Superintendent, my Committee wish to mention Inspector Smirke's name for special consideration as, apart from his consistent courtesy, he rendered conspicuous services during the strike last year when it was necessary to convey food supplies by the tram to the Peak Hotel depot."

Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, General Managers of the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., in acknowledging receipt of the letter on behalf of the staff, European and Chinese, thanked the subscribers and said the wishes expressed as regards Inspector Smirke would be carried out.

THE MOTOR TRAGEDY.

CHAUFFEURS NOT TO BE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

We are given to understand that the two chauffeurs against whom the Jury returned a verdict of manslaughter at the inquest into the death of Lieut-Commander Hooper, are not to be proceeded against on that count, but will appear before the Magistrate to-day on a charge of reckless driving.

EASTERN MAIL SERVICE.

MESSRS. ALFRED HOLT & CO. URGING BETTER FACILITIES.

Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co., write to the *Times* from Liverpool, as follows:—Sir,—We shall be grateful if you can find space for some observations on the Eastern mail, which is so inefficient as to be a serious impediment to business.

Since the war, we have experienced constant friction with the Chinese Customs at Shanghai—who have been quite considerate—because manifests (bills of lading and other shipping documents) which are forwarded by mail, frequently fail to arrive until after the ship and cargo to which they relate are in port, and probably the Customs would be within their rights if they stopped discharge and delivery of the goods until the relative documents arrived.

Just recently, a very large firm of Eastern merchants have asked us to keep their cargo on the quays at Birkenhead for a week before shipment, in order that they may have time to get the documents to their destination simultaneously with the goods to which they refer. In other words, a fast and punctual cargo service, which is generally understood to be a valuable asset to merchants and manufacturers who wish to sell their goods, is deprived of part of its value by the absence of corresponding postal facilities.

THE SUZ SERVICE.

Before the war, the mails to China and Japan went by the trans-Siberian railway in about sixteen days, and, no doubt, in course of time, the Russian Government will reach a sufficient standard of respectability to enable that service to be resumed, but meanwhile we must look to a reorganisation of the service *viz* Suez, which, in any case, is likely to be the principal means of serving places south of Hongkong, which suffer almost as much inconvenience from the inefficient mail service as do those in the north.

The best modern cargo steamers—such as carry the bulk of the more valuable exports from this country to the Far East take between nine and ten days on the voyage from this country to Port Said, and the average sea speed of cargo vessels is steadily increasing. It is, therefore, necessary that there should be a mail service *viz* Marseilles or Brindisi every week sufficiently fast to overtake these steamers at Port Said, after having allowed time for the preparation and negotiation of shipping documents.

By using some of the light cruisers which are likely to be scrapped, it should be possible to provide a service in four days from London to Port Said, as the voyage from Marseilles is only about 1,560 miles, and at Port Said an intelligent postal agent could re-ship the mails by whatever steamer was likely to carry them most quickly to their destination. Saturday is the usual and best sailing day for cargo steamers, so the mail would have to leave London in mid-week, which would assure traders of working days in which to prepare documents for dispatch with a practical certainty that they would arrive as soon as the goods to which they relate, and thereby considerably additional facility for British trade would be provided.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême Orient, in their report dated Saigon January 3rd, state: Our market has been rather quiet during the last fortnight. The demand from France has slackened considerably owing to the Christmas holidays. Only very small inquiries are reported from foreign markets.

The old crop is practically exhausted, and the early varieties of paddy are now coming on the market though in small quantities.

Prices are very firm and the position is very uncertain, as some damage is reported to have been caused by the rains. The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to December 18th, 1922, was 1,215,713 tons, against 1,459,632 in 1921.

We quote to-day:—White Saigon rice, No. 2 sifed, Japan quality, Hongkong \$5.43 per picul, f.o.b. Saigon, for January-February shipment.

"DISRAELI."

AT CORONET NEXT WEEK.

If one were to write now, as Charles Lamb did a century or so ago, of "persons one would wish to have met" one could scarcely fail, when coming over the outstanding political personalities of the mid-Victorian era, to put down on the list the name of Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield.

To local kinema patrons comes next week the opportunity of making the acquaintance of this picturesque personality through the medium of Mr. George Arliss' perfect portrayal of the part in "Disraeli," a film version of the famous play of that name by Louis N. Parker. It is not a biographical film in any sense although it is based very largely on the many-sided life of the famous statesman whose career is borne. A charming play is furnished of the life and times of Disraeli, but the story is fanciful and two very charming love stories have been woven into the plot.

For years Mr. Arliss played the name part in the stage version of the play. He has studied his subject very profoundly and it is really true that in the picture he is not Mr. George Arliss, the distinguished American actor at all, but the great "Disraeli" himself come to life again upon the screen.

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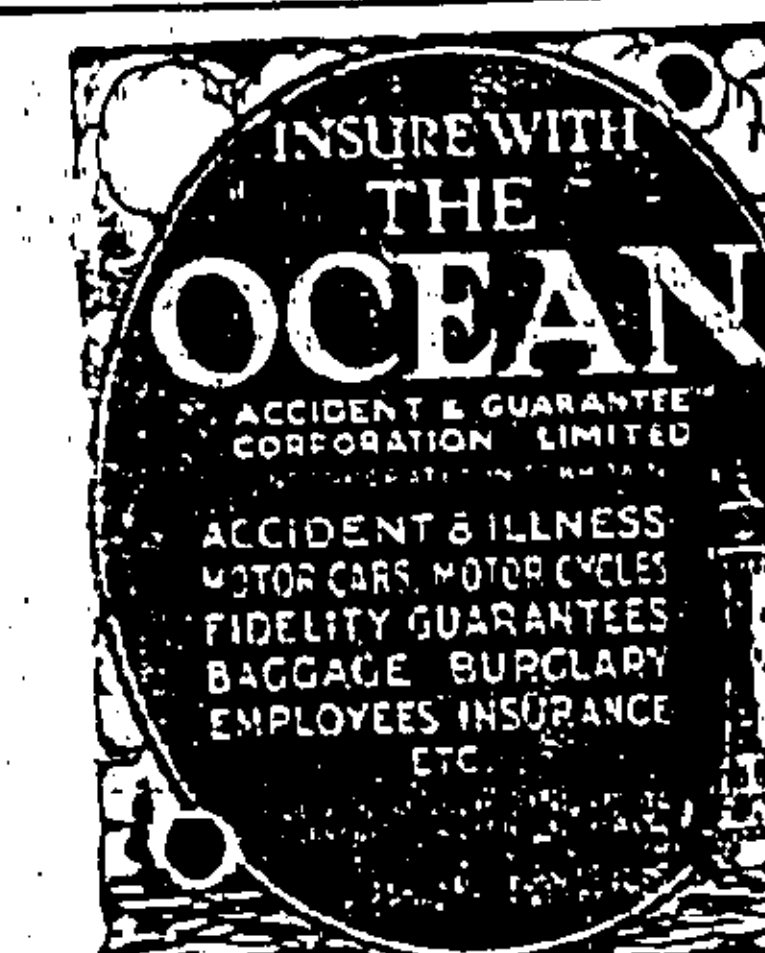
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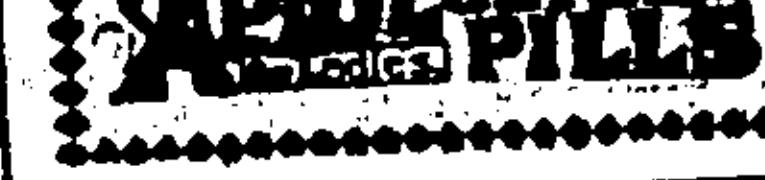
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CONGRATULATION AND
CONDOLENCE.The writing of letters of congratulation
or condolence often presents itself as a
task of some difficulty, and one that was
inclined to put off unduly. It is easier to
rejoice with those who rejoice than to weep
with those who weep.When the occasion for congratulation is
obvious, straightforward, and simple, words
flow easily from the pen. An engagement,
the receipt of some honour or title, the
winning of an election, promotion in a
profession, worldly success of any kind,
the birth of a child—these are events which
call for some expression of pleasure on our
part to our friends. It is easy to rejoice
over successes which would gratify the
whole of humanity. The man who inherits
a fortune, who wins the Derby, or who
receives the Garter, is certain to find his
wishing-table snowed under with letters.But not always is the letter a congenial
one to write. On many occasions there
is a fly in the number of happiness. An
engagement may not give satisfaction to
friends and relations. Someone we are fond
of may be marrying someone we particularly
dislike. The recipient of an honour may
not have earned it in the eyes of the
world. A seventh daughter may arrive in
the place of a looked-for son.The motive, also, with which the letter
is written does always give satisfaction to
the recipient. Some people merely write
for the conventional reason that they feel
it is expected of them; others because they
want something themselves. A desire to
stand well with the successful is often the
driving power that prompts congratulations,
and, in a worldly sense implies a compli-
ment. But it is safe to say that the letter
which gives pleasure is the one which
springs from affection and is expressed with
sincerity, it is these qualities which give it
charm and make it treasured.Where they are absent the letter had
best not be written. If it is imperative
that it should be, a formal intimation of
pleasure is all that remains possible. Such
letters are hardly worth the sending or the
receiving. But a genuine one is deeply
valued and probably kept. Often it is
the occasion of hearing from a long-for-
gotten friend or acquaintance.If the letter of congratulation is much
easier, the letter of condolence is more
important, because it is more needed.
Many people often hesitate over the writ-
ing of this. Indeed, there are some blaw-
dealt by Fate to humanity for which,
seemingly, no words can be found to con-
sole and comfort. People are inclined to
take refuge from the difficulty of expression
in silence. But this, as a rule, is a mistake.
Those who have not suffered a deep sorrow
may think that they would rather be left
alone under such circumstances. That is
not the common experience of those who
know the aching blank left by a bitter
grief.The smallest word of sympathy may fill
an empty moment. The thought that
friends feel with us and for us, though it
may not console, does assuage. It is a
constant experience to hear that a letter
of condolence has been of much help. A
rule is, when in doubt whether to write
or not to write. It may be as well to wait
for a week or two, and, under difficult
circumstances, words may come later which
were impossible to find at first. It is im-
portant to remember that letters of condolence
should not only express a personal sympathy.
An appreciation of the personal character-
istics of the one who has died is invariably
treasured by the recipient. The intimate
note should always be struck, whenever
possible. Often a letter from an old friend
may recall to memory some forgotten in-
cident of bygone years.Perhaps the most difficult of all letters
is that on the death of a child, for no
words in any way seem adequate to con-
pensate for the tragedy of such a loss.
The model and classic example of perfectly
expressed sympathy is the letter written by
Abraham Lincoln to a mother who lost her
son in the war. It fulfils perfectly the
two rules which are essential in a letter of
condolence; it is short, and it speaks from
the heart.Even as with congratulatory letters
there are moments when letters of con-
dolence present an extremely difficult
problem. If the dead person has not been
a great friend of the writer, his expression
of sympathy will probably not seem very
spontaneous. The letter is more difficult
still when we believe that the death is
more a relief than a misfortune—particularly
as people have an astonishing facility for let-
ting the living scoundrel develop into the dead
hero. It is a problem on such occasions to
strike the right note. Sometimes a telegram
is a short cut out of the difficulty, but more
often it is the refuge of those who do not
wish to expend time and literary labour on
a task that they shrink.For the answering of letters of con-
gratulation and condolence, one can lay down
no rules. But good manners prompt a
reply of some kind, and people certainly
do like to know that their expression of
feeling has been appreciated. The modern
fashion of not answering at all seems a little
ungrateful, and most people will feel that
a letter which is worth keeping is also worth
a word of thanks.—Ex.

A CASE OF SATI.

HINDU LADY BURNS HERSELF
WITH HER HUSBAND.The following story comes from
Allahabad:—A case of Sati took place in a village
named Mahitha, in Hardoi district. The
husband of the lady died on the night of
the 16th November. She remained calm
and collected the whole night and her
self-contrived the other members of the
family. In the morning she turned her
sons to take the dead body to a particular
place and prepare a huge pile on which
she would burn her husband. The corpse
was carried to the said place, a pile was
prepared and she sat on it with her hus-
band's head in her lap contrary to the
wishes of the members of her family. She
asked her son twice to set fire to the pile
but to no effect. Then she came down, set
fire to the pile and remained standing
aloof. The bystanders thought that she
would burn herself now but when the
pile began to burn she jumped into it
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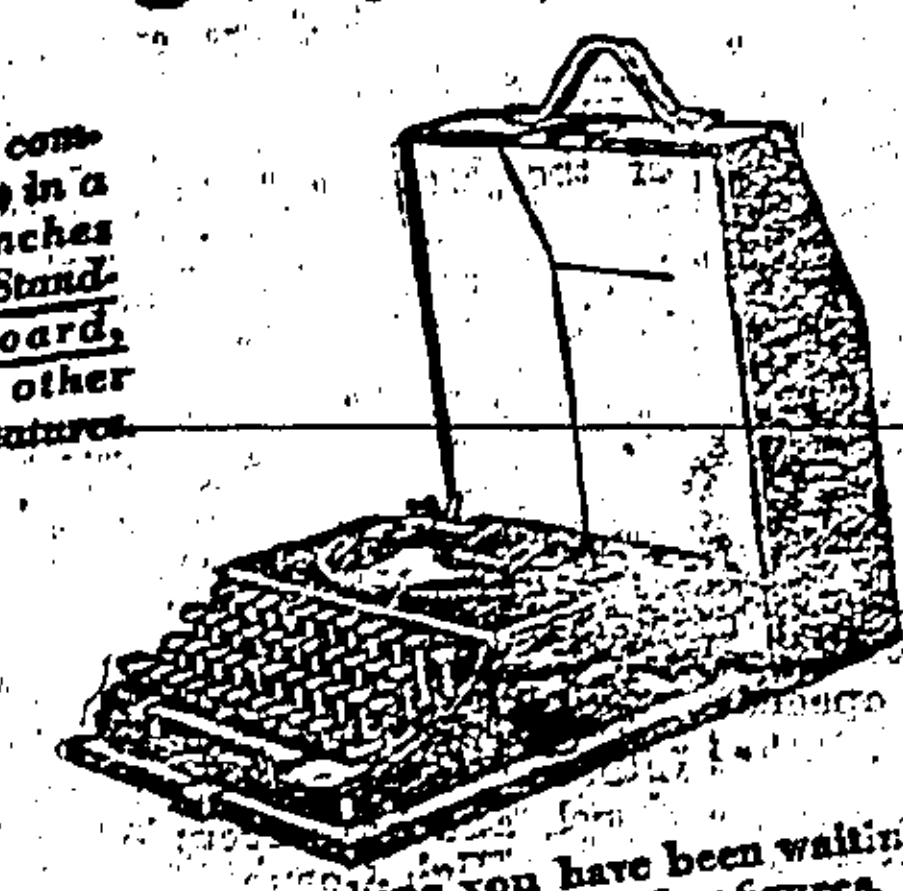
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Dashkutan, for Shanghai.
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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. a.s. *Kashima* Maru (European line) left Singapore for Hongkong on January 11th, and is expected here on January 16th.
 The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, left Nagasaki on January 12th, at 5 p.m., and is due at Shanghai today, at 8 p.m. The steamer leaves Shanghai at 5 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday).

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Autolycus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 8th.
Bentley (Ben Line), due to-day.
Della (P. & O.), due Jan. 16th, noon.
Empress of Russia, due Jan. 16th, 10 a.m.
Helenus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 3rd.
Pelex (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 25th.
Pathan (Mogul Line), due to-day.
President Pierce (P.M.), due Jan. 21st.
Rhetus (Blue Funnel), due Jan. 26th.
Telemachus (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 4th.
Thestus (Blue Funnel), due to-day.
Wakasa Maru (N.Y.K.), due Jan. 15th.
Yoshino Maru (N.Y.K.), due Jan. 16th.

DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION.

The captain of the s.s. *Funwan* reports that while in the Hainan Straits at 11 a.m. on January 10th, a derelict junk was sighted in such a position as to be dangerous to navigation. The derelict lies at a point bearing S. 22 W. (T.) of the Haikou Pagoda, and S. 24 E. (T.) of the Pochin Pagoda.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—14th January 1923, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
 Holy Communion (8.00 a.m.); Matins (11 a.m.); Responses, Psalms, Gospels, Magnificat, Credo, Epistle, Benedictus, Prayer (8th evening); Anthem, "No shadows yonder," Gaudi hymn 189.
 N.B.—Psalms 77, verses 1, 2, 5, 13, 16 in unison.
 Hymn 1, 7 verses in unison.
 Litany (12 noon); Evensong (8 p.m.); Responses, Psalms, 36 Trent; Magnificat, Macfarren; Nunc Dimittis, Farby; Hymns, 78, 537, 31.
 N.B.—Psalms 67, verses 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 12 in unison.
 Hymn 78, verses 1, 3, 5, in unison.
 Hymn 537, verses 1, 5, 7 in unison.
 Hymn 31, verses 1, 4 in unison. [115]

Union Church (Kennedy Road).—Sunday Services, January 14th.
 Morning Service at 11 o'clock.
 Evening Service at 8 o'clock.
 Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
 Sunday School at 3.30.
 On Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Lecture Hall. Illustrated Musical Lecture on the Works of Chopin, by Mr. A. M. Bowen-Smith, assisted by Mr. Harry Ore.
 Christian Endeavour Meeting and Social Hours on Friday at 8.30. [159]

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road, below Bowen Road, Tram Station.—Sunday, 11.15 a.m. Wednesday, 5.45 p.m. [183]

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"SICILIA"	8,700	21st Feb.	Mars. L'don. A'werp. & B'dam.
"KHIVA"	8,000	21st Feb.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"BANCA"	8,000	6th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	11,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Mars. L'don. & A'werp.
"SOUDAN"	6,700	19th Mar.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	8,800	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"DONGOLA"	8,000	4th Apr.	do.
"SICILIA"	8,700	13th Apr.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"NANKIN"	7,000	18th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,800	2nd May	do.
"KASHGAR"	8,000	10th May	do.
"NANKIN"	7,000	30th May	do.
"NOVARA"	8,850	13th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th June	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	11th July	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,093	25th July	do.

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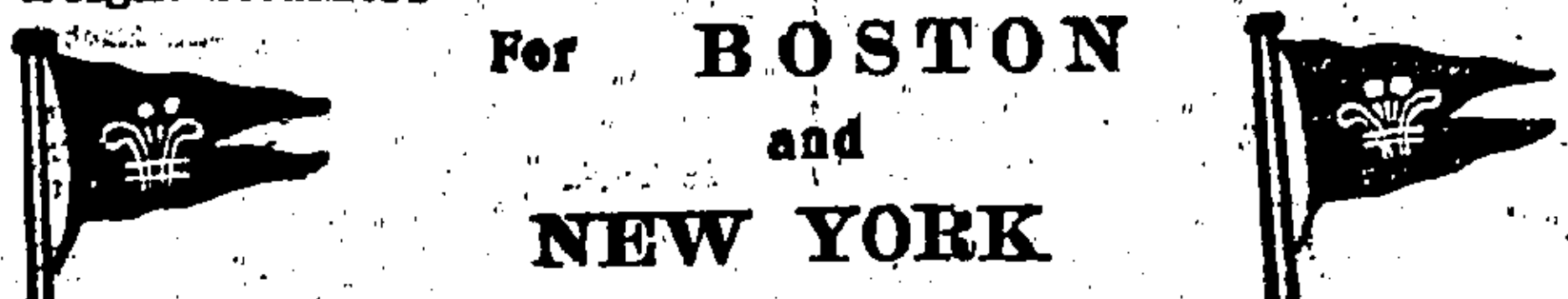
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"CHICAGO MARU" ... Wednesday, 14th Feb.

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"KISHU MARU" ... Thursday, 1st Feb.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE & RANGOON.

"BORNEO MARU" ... Monday, 12th Feb.

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SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 14th Jan. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HUPEH"	On 14th Jan. 10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 16th Jan. D.L.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 16th Jan. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & RANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 16th Jan. 10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"TEHNTSIN"	On 17th Jan. 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUICHANG"	On 18th Jan. 10 a.m.
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S.S. "LAKE FIELDING" ... Jan. 20th, 1923.

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INWARD MAILES.

FROM	PER	DUE
BOMBAY ...	Wakasa Maru ...	14th inst.
SHANGHAI ...	Chengtu ...	14th inst.
Yokohama ...	Yoshino Maru ...	16th inst.

OUTWARD MAILES.

TO	PER	DATE
Straits, Bombay and Aden ...	Nagasaki ...	Saturday, 13th, 2.30 P.M.
Philippine Islands ...	Pres. Haddison ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Tokyo ...	5.00 P.M.
Port Bayard, Hoihow & Haiphong ...	Hanoi ...	5.00 P.M.
Hoihow and Bangkok ...	Linan ...	Sunday, 14th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung ...	Amakusa Maru ...	9.00 A.M.
Straits and Egypt ...	Thesus ...	Monday, 15th, 2.30 P.M.
Swatow ...	Hydras ...	2.30 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok ...	Kwai Sang ...	Tuesday, 16th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow ...	Haiphong ...	9.00 A.M.
Sandakan ...	Haiphong ...	11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haiphong ...	Noon
Shanghai ...	Deli ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow ...	Wing Sang ...	Wednesday, 17th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. ...	Kamo Maru ...	Registration 8.45 A.M.
Marques, South Africa, India via ...	Letters ...	9.30 A.M.
MASSILLON—due Marseilles, 17th ...	Registration 8.30 A.M.	Letters ... 9.00 A.M.
Feb. 1923 ...	Yoshino Maru ...	
Philippine Islands, Australia & New ...		
Zealand via Thursday Island—due ...		
Thursday Island 25th Jan. 1923, ...		
Swatow ...	Kwai Sang ...	Thursday, 18th, 9.01 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haiphong ...	Friday, 19th, 11.01 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. ...	Sardinia ...	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Marques, S. Africa, India via D'Kodi, ...	Registration 9.00 A.M.	Letters ... 9.00 A.M.
Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MAR- ...		
SKILLON—due Marseilles, 24th Feb. ...		
1923 ...		
Haiphong, Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Cey- ...	Amboise ...	Saturday, 27th, 12.45 P.M.
lon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, ...	Letters ... 1.30 P.M.	
India via D'Kodi, Aden, Egypt & ...		
EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Mar- ...		
seille, 2nd Mar. 1923 ...		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. ...	Katori Maru ...	Wednesday, 31st, 8.45 A.M.
Marques, South Africa, India via ...	Registration 8.45 A.M.	Letters ... 9.30 A.M.
D'Kodi, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via ...		
MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 3rd ...		
Mar. 1923 ...		

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